



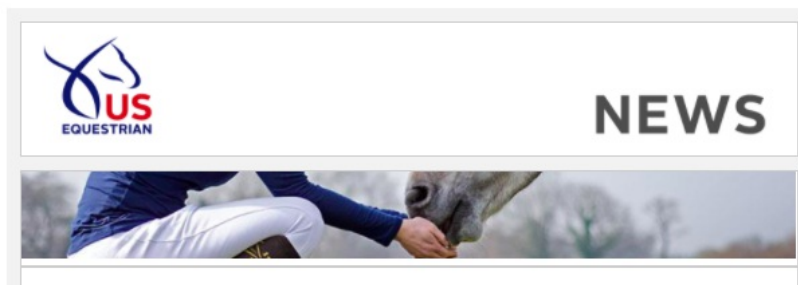
Dear Region 9 Members and Exhibitors,

USEF emailed the announcement below on Saturday, April 25th, and I have received several texts, emails and phone calls asking how this will affect the Region 9 Championship Show May date. This announcement does not cancel our show, we are already licensed by USEF to hold the show and can hold the show provided the facility and the show follow strict mandates and requirements put forth by Federal, State and Local government with regards to “maintaining best practices that we have learned and adopted in order to reduce exposure to and transmission of the COVID-19 virus.” The affect this announcement has on the show is that USEF points won will not be tabulated for either USEF or USDF horse of the year points.

I have been in almost daily contact with the WRMC regarding our show and have been told I should know shortly (hopefully this coming week) if the facility will be able to reopen by our show dates. This information will be E-blasted out to the Region as soon as I know.

Thank you.

Stay well and safe,  
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April 25, 2020

*Dear USEF Members and Competition Organizers (Licensees and Managers),*

*We continue to carefully monitor the COVID-19 Pandemic situation and the position of health experts, including the CDC and other public health authorities. It appears that in several areas of the country, restrictions put in place by State Governors, such as the “stay-at-home” orders, are making a positive difference. Federal, state and local governments are discussing plans for re-opening the environment in the near future. However, this will not occur overnight and will very likely consist of a graduated easing of restrictions over several weeks, which may vary greatly state-to-state, as well as within the states themselves.*

*The success of these plans is predicated on a mindful and responsible approach to easing restrictions while also maintaining best practices that we have all learned and adopted in order to reduce exposure to and transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Once USEF competitions resume, we must all continue to support and maintain these best practices as part of our daily activities to help prevent further disruptions to our lives. We hope that resumption of competition comes soon.*

*With that in mind, the suspension of all USEF owned and named events, selection trials, training camps, clinics and activities is being extended through May 31, 2020. This suspension also includes points, scores, money won, qualifications, or rankings toward any USEF award programs, USEF owned and named events, or selection to a US team including USEF National Championships. Upon the expiration of this suspension, competitions must comply with requirements issued by USEF for operating sport horse competitions in this environment.*

*Collaborating with competition organizers, affiliate leaders and other industry experts, USEF has been developing competition protocols for safely operating competitions and mitigating the risks associated with COVID-19. Once finalized, we will be providing all competition organizers with these protocols as well as other risk mitigation tools for their use. These tools and resources will also be front-facing on our website and accessible by all members and website visitors.*

*We have been working on amendments to qualification and selection processes for numerous USEF owned and named events as well as how USEF HOTY awards and ranking lists are calculated. We have started announcing modifications that will make the process as fair as possible for all participants, despite the disruption to the competition year and the likelihood of a staggered regional start-up.*

*We have received inquiries as to whether USEF will grant exemptions to the junior competitor age restrictions, equine age restrictions and equine eligibility restrictions based on competitive experience. While these topics are being*

*discussed, it is still too early to make definitive conclusions regarding these issues.*

*We will continue to assess the pandemic impact, and we will keep you informed of any updates to our position as circumstances warrant or as instructed by the government and public health authorities.*

*The safety and welfare of our members and their horses must continue to be our top priority.*

*Stay safe,  
William J. Moroney  
Chief Executive Officer*



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